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**From:** Ryan, Jeff [Ryan.Jeff@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 11/25/2019 3:25:49 PM  
**To:** Watkins, Tim [Watkins.Tim@epa.gov]; Phelps, Lara [Phelps.Lara@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Krebs, Ken [krebs.ken@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: UPDATE - Hoosick Falls  
**Attachments:** NYSDEC St Gobain Report - 11-25-19 JVR TC.docx

Tim – Here's where I'm with the report. Ken and I still need to revise a table or 2, especially Table 3, but I wanted to let you know what I'm thinking as soon as possible.

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Give me a call if when you're ready. Hoping I can get this wrapped up by lunch.

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**From:** Watkins, Tim <Watkins.Tim@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 10:58 AM  
**To:** Phelps, Lara <Phelps.Lara@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Ryan, Jeff <Ryan.Jeff@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: UPDATE - Hoosick Falls

Thanks Jeff and Lara - I will be in the office on Monday so we can discuss.

Tim

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 24, 2019, at 9:22 AM, Phelps, Lara <Phelps.Lara@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Jeff!

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## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Rained all day yesterday and very windy today.

Lara P. Phelps, Director  
US EPA/CEMM/AMCD  
Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 24, 2019, at 8:01 AM, Ryan, Jeff <Ryan.Jeff@epa.gov> wrote:

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

May the good weather be with you ...

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On Nov 23, 2019, at 3:22 PM, Phelps, Lara <Phelps.Lara@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Jeff!

Here is the feedback from Tim on the report, which I find all to be reasonable. If you can make these revisions early Monday and get the report back to me, I'll do a quick review and get it back to him for signature. He is in agreement to move forward with the changes made.

Thanks! Have a great weekend!  
Lara

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**From:** Watkins, Tim <Watkins.Tim@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 22, 2019 12:25 PM  
**To:** Phelps, Lara <Phelps.Lara@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Gilliland, Alice <Gilliland.Alice@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: UPDATE - Hoosick Falls

Hi Lara –

Attached are my thoughts/comments on the NYDES Hoosick Falls report; **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

thinking about all the different reports that we have generated for NH, NC, NJ, NY etc, I think we really need to be consistent in the use of our terminology. A simple fix for this maybe to remove the term “targeted,” and simply say that we provide qualitative analyses. I have a few others suggestions/comments in the attached as well – primarily to ensure as much clarity as possible.

Thanks and please let me know if you and/or your staff would like to discuss.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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**From:** Phelps, Lara <[Phelps.Lara@epa.gov](mailto:Phelps.Lara@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2019 8:04 AM  
**To:** Watkins, Tim <[Watkins.Tim@epa.gov](mailto:Watkins.Tim@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Gilliland, Alice <[Gilliland.Alice@epa.gov](mailto:Gilliland.Alice@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: UPDATE - Hoosick Falls

Hi Tim –

Timing is everything and I was just about to send you two items. One is the ‘final’ report for Hoosick Falls, which has been modified to address comments by NYDEC. Please let me know if you wish for it to be circulated further. The second item is a small tweak from Region 2 on the letter to the Mayor, which they hope can be sent today. If you agree with the small change, they asked we put on letterhead and sign, which Pete will do and send forward.

Let me know if you need any further details.

Thanks!

Lara

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**From:** Watkins, Tim <[Watkins.Tim@epa.gov](mailto:Watkins.Tim@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2019 7:51 AM  
**To:** Phelps, Lara <[Phelps.Lara@epa.gov](mailto:Phelps.Lara@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Gilliland, Alice <[Gilliland.Alice@epa.gov](mailto:Gilliland.Alice@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: UPDATE - Hoosick Falls

Hi Lara –

I was reviewing two new PFAS reports for NH and it made me think about Hoosick Falls. I know that Jeff was planning to send a draft report to Region 2 (last week?). Did that happen? Also, I know that Reg 2 and NYDEC will be the communicating with Hoosick Falls directly, but can you give me a status update on the final report which will be given to Hoosick Falls? We need to keep to the ORD IOAA informed. Thanks.

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**From:** Phelps, Lara <[Phelps.Lara@epa.gov](mailto:Phelps.Lara@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 29, 2019 3:44 PM  
**To:** Watkins, Tim <[Watkins.Tim@epa.gov](mailto:Watkins.Tim@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Gilliland, Alice <[Gilliland.Alice@epa.gov](mailto:Gilliland.Alice@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: UPDATE - Hoosick Falls

Hey Tim!

Attached are the main materials Jeff plans to walk through on tomorrow's call in addition to looking through some of the worksheet in a little more detail beyond the screenshots. I hope this gives you a quick feel for the data and I would be glad to set-up a 30 minute discussion, once you are back in the office, to discuss in further detail.

Kirk sent me the attached outline late yesterday afternoon, which is not a lot of information, but a start for conversation. Andy and I met briefly yesterday with a short exchange this morning and believe our proposed work still provides the foundational information necessary, meeting OLEM's needs. I plan to set-up a call with the CESER DD's to start a conversation. If you would like to talk prior to your Thursday meeting, I'll be glad to shuffle my calendar to make it work.

Thanks!  
Lara

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**To:** Phelps, Lara <[Phelps.Lara@epa.gov](mailto:Phelps.Lara@epa.gov)>

Cc: Gilliland, Alice <Gilliland.Alice@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: UPDATE - Hoosick Falls

Thanks Lara –

I know you have a LOT on your PFAS plate (Hoosick Falls and Incineration/Air Emissions), but I think we have a meeting scheduled for Thursday with the NPDs to discuss progress on the outputs/products related to the incineration and air emissions efforts. So, I wanted to check in with you to see how things are going and to what extent we have been able connect and sync with CESER. If it is easier to discuss by phone, let me know and we can set up a time to talk.

Thanks.

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**To:** Watkins, Tim <Watkins.Tim@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Gilliland, Alice <Gilliland.Alice@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: UPDATE - Hoosick Falls

Good morning, Tim!

Jeff and I met this morning. He is working on a PowerPoint to summarize some of the data from all of the data spreadsheets with 10 – 20 tabs each that would not make much sense without being able to talk it through. He will have some graphics and charts, however, that should give you a good picture of what they collected by this afternoon.

Region 2 plans to get Pete’s signature on the letter today, so we can PDF it to you for signature, as well. We have added 30 minutes onto the front of our meeting tomorrow AM with NYDEC and Region 2 to first discuss their plans for sharing data with the Mayor.

I’ll be in touch with the letter, as soon as I receive it.

Thanks!

Lara

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**From:** Watkins, Tim <Watkins.Tim@epa.gov>  
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**To:** Phelps, Lara <Phelps.Lara@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Gilliland, Alice <Gilliland.Alice@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: UPDATE - Hoosick Falls

Thanks Lara. Our schedule is literally jammed for the next two and a half days so it will be difficult to find a time unless we meet early morning (pre 8 AM) or late afternoon (post 5:30 PM). Do you plan on sharing materials with Reg 2? If so, you can just send them to me when they are ready. Given my jammed schedule, I don't necessarily need to review and approve before you meet with the Region 2 - but would like to be aware of data. I will be back in the office on Thursday.

Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 25, 2019, at 6:16 PM, Phelps, Lara <Phelps.Lara@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Tim!

I would be happy to set-up a 30 min preview with you and Alice prior to the data sharing Wednesday morning. Is there a window that will work best for you with your travels to Gulf Breeze?

Thanks!

Lara

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US EPA/CEMM/AMCD  
Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 25, 2019, at 4:41 PM, Watkins, Tim <Watkins.Tim@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Lara

Could either you or Jeff share the draft data and/or report prior to the meeting with R2 next week? Having reviewed other reports we have prepared for States, I would like to get a sense of what the data look like.

Thank you!

Tim

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 25, 2019, at 2:57 PM, Phelps, Lara <Phelps.Lara@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you both. I'll work with Region 2 to finalize for signature.

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**Cc:** Gilliland, Alice <[Gilliland.Alice@epa.gov](mailto:Gilliland.Alice@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: UPDATE - Hoosick Falls

I am also comfortable with the wording in the letter. Thanks.

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On Oct 25, 2019, at 1:58 PM, Phelps, Lara <[Phelps.Lara@epa.gov](mailto:Phelps.Lara@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hey Tim/Alice!

I hope you are both enjoying a relaxing afternoon. Attached is a draft from Region 2 with some minor edits from Jeff and I to respond to the Mayor's letter. We have spoken to NYDEC and are anticipating an email (or letter) from them possibly late this afternoon. NYDEC has made it clear they have the lead on communicating the results. It appears this message has also been shared with Region 2 and believe that is reflected in the wording of discussing the possibility of a meeting the week of November 4<sup>th</sup> with that ultimately being their decision.

One question that has been asked is whether communications/signatures should remain with Alice/Pete or be Tim/Pete, given the reorganization. No one has expressed preference, so it is up to you.

Let me know if you have suggested revisions or questions. Have a great weekend!  
Lara

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